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Dr. Jane Summerson, EIS Document Manager  
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Dear Dr. Summerson,

1... Recently, a train derailed in Webster Groves, Missouri. Friends who previously refused to give a minute's thought to the issue of radioactive waste being shipped through their community stood up and took notice. This time the railroad cars dumped only coal in our community, they thought; next time it might be high-level radioactive waste.

The vivid news photos of rail cars strewn across Webster Groves neighborhoods has made all of us here in St. Louis very aware of the potential for disaster if the Yucca Mountain repository becomes a reality. St. Louis and its suburbs, if DOE builds a Nevada repository, will become a thoroughfare for waste from twenty-six commercial reactors east of the Mississippi River. We do not want radioactive waste either IN our community or passing THROUGH our community.

2 Yucca Mountain is the last place in the world we should store radioactive materials. It is geologically unsound, as evidenced by the many earthquake faults running through it. Putting waste from a reactor in an unstable location makes absolutely no sense; putting waste from dozens of reactors in an unstable location is insane.

3 What does make sense, however, is storing waste at existing reactor sites. If a community is willing to live with the potential for catastrophe that can occur at a nuclear power plant, then that community should be willing to live with the waste from such a power plant. Communities who chose not to host nuclear power plants should not be forced to host radioactive waste from such plants on our highways or railroad tracks.

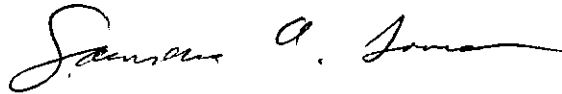
1... The Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository does not include references to the transportation of waste to Yucca Mountain. It should. St. Louisans are being misled to evaluate only Nevada as a repository. Should a train or truck accident occur in which radioactive waste is deposited in St. Louis or its suburb, Webster Groves, WE become the repository.

In short, I propose radioactive waste stay with reactors and out of the St. Louis

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1 cont. community. Our city and its citizens are too precious to be put in such danger as the DOE proposes with its Yucca Mountain site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra A. Lowes".

Sandra A. Lowes